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SUBJECT: GOJ APPOINTS TSUTOMU WADA AEP TO EGYPT

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1. ON AUG 7 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF TSUTOMU WADA AS AMB TO EGYPT. CAREER DIPLOMAT WADA SERVED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU MOFA FROM APRIL 1971 TO PRESENT.

2. BORN JANUARY 19, 1918, GRADUATED FROM LAW FACULTY TOKYO UNIVERSITY AND ENTERED MOFA IN 1941. THEN SERVED IN IMPERIAL NAVY (1942-1946) BEFORE RETURNING TO MOFA. IN POST-WAR YEARS, WADA HELD SUCCESSION OF LOWER ECHELON POSTS IN TOKYO, PRIMARILY IN GENERAL AFFAIRS, REPARATIONS AND ARCHIVES BUREAUS. FIRST OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT CAME IN 1954 WHEN HE WAS POSTED TO OTTAWA AS SECOND SECRETARY. DURING CANADA TOUR, HE ATTENDED TENTH SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION LEGAL COMMITTEE IN MONTREAL (1954) AND WAS PROMOTED TO FIRST SECRETARY (1955). DEC 1956 WADA WAS NAMED JAPANESE DELEGATE TO 11TH UNGA.

3. BACK IN TOKYO IN LATE 1957, HE WAS ASSIGNED MOFA SECRETARIAT. FROM 1958 TO 1960 HE WAS DETAILED TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, SERVING AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME

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MINISTER KISHI. AUG 1960 WADA WAS APPOINTED AS CHIEF,

INFORMATION SECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. MAY 1961 HE BECAME CHIEF, OVERSEAS INFORMATION SECTION THAT BUREAU. HE ALSO SERVED AS MEMBER MOFA LANGUAGE INSTITUTE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE. FROM 1963 TO 1966 HE WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. IN 1966 HE WAS POSTED TO THAILAND AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AND IN JANUARY 1967 PROMOTED TO MINISTER. IN MID-1969, WADA WAS TRANSFERRED TO LONDON AS MINISTER OF EMBASSY, OFFICE HE OCCUPIED UNTIL BEING NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU IN APRIL 1971.

4. WADA AND WIFE YOKO HAVE TEENAGE SON AND DAUGHTER. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND HAS GOLF HANDICAP OF 20.

5. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO KNEW WADA IN BANGKOK DESCRIBED RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD ONE. THEY FOUND HIM TO BE USEFUL CONTACT, WILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
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